

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE)	
COMMISSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL)	
SURCHARGE MECHANISM OF EAST KENTUCKY)	
POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR THE SIX-)	CASE NO.
MONTH BILLING PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30,)	2015-00281
2014 AND DECEMBER 31, 2014, FOR THE TWO-)	
YEAR BILLING PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2015,)	
AND THE PASS THROUGH MECHANISM FOR)	
ITS SIXTEEN MEMBER DISTRIBUTION)	
COOPERATIVES)	

ORDER

On August 31, 2015, the Commission initiated this action for the purpose of reviewing East Kentucky Power Cooperative ("EKPC") and its 16 member cooperatives' environmental surcharge mechanisms. In the August 31, 2015 Order, the Commission also established a procedural schedule to provide for the orderly handling of this matter. The procedural schedule requires EKPC and its member cooperatives to either request a hearing or request the case be submitted on the record by December 30, 2015.

On December 22, 2015, EKPC moved for an extension until January 29, 2016, in which to either request a hearing or submit the case on the record. In support, EKPC states that both the Commission's August 31, 2015 Order in this matter and the Commission's Order in the previous six-month environmental surcharge review¹ stated that EKPC and its member cooperatives could propose a new methodology for

¹ Case No. 2014-00051, *An Examination by the Public Service Commission of the Environmental Surcharge Mechanism of East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. for the Six-Month Billing Period Ending December 31, 2013 and the Pass Through Mechanism for Its Sixteen Member Distribution Cooperatives* (Ky. PSC Aug. 25, 2015).

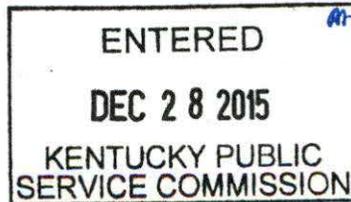
calculating their respective environmental surcharge over- or under-recoveries. EKPC states that the member cooperatives have worked toward a consensus on an alternative methodology, but that, due to the holidays and consequent difficulties with personnel availability, additional time is necessary to submit the proposed methodology to the Commission, and EKPC therefore requests an additional 30 days.

Having reviewed EKPC's motion and being sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that EKPC has demonstrated good cause to permit a 30-day extension to either request a hearing or submit this matter on the record. EKPC has indicated that its members have recently come to a consensus regarding an alternative methodology for determining their environmental surcharge over- or under-recoveries and that additional time is necessary to submit the proposal to the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission finds that EKPC's motion should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. EKPC's motion for an extension of time to file a request for hearing or submit the case for decision based on the record is granted.
2. EKPC and its member cooperatives shall request a hearing or submit the case for decision based on the record no later than January 29, 2016.

By the Commission



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